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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM BEIRUT DATED DECEMBER 5, 1978
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SUBJ: AUDITS OF AID-FINANCED ACTIVITIES

REF: KARACHI 5071

1. AID REP HAS RECEIVED PROGRAM DOCUMENTS ON
GRANTS TO ICRC AND CRS. DOCUMENTATION ON PORT
AND AUH LESS SPECIFIC; NEVERTHELESS, THINK WE
PROBABLY HAVE ENOUGH TO PROCEED, (OFDA ASSISTANCE
NEEDED AS DESCRIBED BELOW).

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2. IN REVIEWING ICRC AND CRS DOCUMENTS, WE NOTE
PROVISION IN FORMER (AID/OTR-G-1463) THAT ICRC
WILL CONDUCT OWN SPECIAL AUDIT AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
THAT AID MAY POSE THEREON. AID REP DOES NOT HAVE
SUCH AUDIT AND IS UNAWARE WHETHER ICRC GENEVA
HAS, IN FACT, CONTRACTED FOR ONE. IN VIEW

OF THIS, REQUEST AID/W GUIDANCE. IN ANY EVENT, REVIEW OF ICRC ACTIVITY WOULD HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO BEIRUT RECORDS BECAUSE AREAS OF CURRENT AND RECENT OPERATIONS ARE INACCESSIBLE. AID REP HAS NOT YET CONTACTED ICRC.

3. IN THE CASE OF CRS, WE HAVE DISCUSSED AUDIT WITH LOCAL CRS DIRECTOR IN VIEW OF CONTRACT PROVISION FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT UNDER AID/OTR-6-1533. DIRECTOR SUGGESTED JOINT AUDIT WITH MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF PARTICIPATING. HE DEPARTS LEBANON ON/ABOUT DECEMBER 9 AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL JANUARY 10; HIS PRESENCE REQUIRED. IS IT ANTICIPATED THAT CRS PL 480, TITLE II PROGRAM ALSO BE AUDITED: IN THIS EVENT, SOME OF THE SAME PROBLEMS AS WITH ICRC WILL ARISE ON END-USE CHECK OF RECIPIENTS OF EMERGENCY FOOD. FFW IN SUPPORT OF AFOREMENTIONED GRANT SHOULD BE LESS PROBLEMATICAL.

4. PORT PROJECT IS RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND RELATES TO EQUIPMENT DELIVERY. WE HAVE ALERTED PORT DIRECTOR WHO PREPARED COOPERATE. DOCUMENTATION OF CONTRACTS FOR ALL EQUIPMENT SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY END DECEMBER, HOWEVER, DELIVERIES WILL NOT BE COMPLETE BY PROPOSED TIME OF AUDIT.

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5. AUH PROJECT INVOLVES ESSENTIALLY DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO AUH PROPER AND VIA AUH TO OTHER HOSPITALS, PRINCIPALLY IN BEIRUT. WE HAVE DISCUSSED AUDIT WITH RESPONSIBLE AUH OFFICIALS AND BEEN ASSURED OF THEIR COOPERATION. FOR AID/W OFDA: I WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW FOLLOWING TOTAL DOLLAR VALUES: TOTAL PROGRAM; LEVEL OF CONTRACTED COMMODITIES; RECORDED DELIVERIES BY CONTRACTORS FOR SHIPPING; AUH REPORTED RECEIPTS; REMAINING PIPELINE.

6. STARTING DATE OF JANUARY 4 POSES NO PROBLEMS. WE DO NEED AID/W GUIDANCE ON ICRC, HOWEVER, THAT CAN PRESUMABLY BE WORKED OUT IN INTERIM. IN ANY EVENT, OTHER THREE PROJECTS REPRESENT SIZABLE WORKLOAD.

7. PLEASE PROVIDE ARRIVAL SCHEDULE BY LOU, REPEAT LOU MESSAGE. AUDITORS WILL BE MET AND PROVIDED USUAL ESCORTS. HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL

BE MADE.

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